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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TISSUE SURFACE TREATMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto
OR
☒ was filed on August 22, 2001
as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 09/938,276
and was amended on 04/09/04, 09/14/04, 05/26/05, 09/15/05, and 03/14/07 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign applications(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's right certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

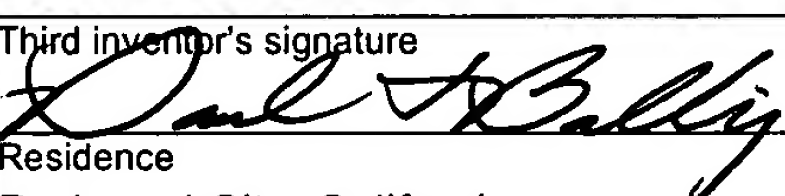
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Dear Dr. Morris:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has required that we submit a newly executed Declaration of Inventorship in the above-referenced patent application on which you are named as an inventor. Accordingly, please find enclosed a Declaration of Inventorship for your signature and return.

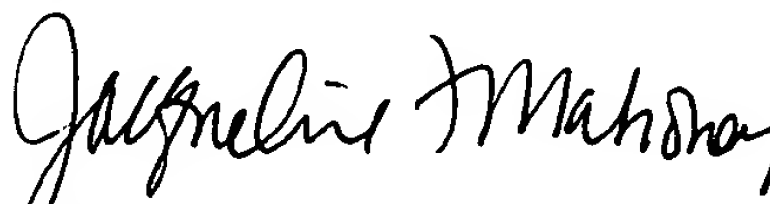
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If you have any questions, feel free to contact our offices.

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